(b) if so, what was the quantum of such unclaimed amounts upto the end of the last financial year; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to trace out the concerned workers|employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31.3.1987, a sum of Rs. 20.39 crores was lying unclaimed.

(c) The E.P.F. authorities have been instructed to make all put efforts to locate the subscribers, who have not preferred their claims, by suitable publicity and displaying the particulars of unclaimed deposits on the notice boads of the factories| establishments and also enlisting the cooperation of Trade Unions.

*194. [*Transferred to the 10 May, 1988*]

Induction of professional in doordarshan

*195. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure Doordarshan by the induction of professionals and if so. the details thereof;

(b) whether Government also propose to give more attention to Regional News and Programmes on the National network; and

(c) if so, the names of the Television Stations in which such programmes are proposed to be telecast in Regional Languages on National network?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Doordarshan has plans to restructure the news set-up by inducting professionalism. Besides acquiring modern and more efficient equipment, it is envisaged to recruit talented persons and give them thorough training in the news gathering operations. It is also envisaged to augment the news gathering sources at various Kendras and other places.

At present, news in English and Hindi is telecast on the National TV net-work. Regional news is telecast by various full-fledged TV Centres in their respective regional languages. The names of such centres are given in the enclosed Statement, (*See* below). In additional to the Centres mentioned in the Annexure, it has also been decided to start telecast of regional news bulletins from Jaipur and Cuttack. As regards telecast of programmes in regional language on the national hook-up, one regional feature film is telecast every week. One Chitramala programme consisting of song and dance sequence from regional language feature films is also telecast on fortnightly basis. Besides, one regional music concert and a programme from States is also telecast in regional language once a month with English sub-titles.

Statement

Names of Doordarshan Kendras which Telecast Regional News Bulletins

Doordarshan Kendras	Language
1	2
1. Srinagar	Urdu, Kashmiri
2. Jalandhar	Punjabi

1	2
3. Delhi (Channel II)	Hindi
4. Lucknow	Hindi
5. Guwahati	Assamese
6. Calcutta	Bengali
7. Hyderabad	Telugu
8. Madras	Tamil
9. Trivandrum	Malayalam
10. Bangalore	Kannada
11. Bombay	Marathi
12. Ahmedabad	Gujarati

Implementation of rural development programmes

*196. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHNA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that District Rural Development Authorities are not properly formulating action plans to implement programmes such as NREP, RLEGP and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that no proper steps are being taken to provide employment opportunities for a minimum of 100 mandays to the needy persons among the weaker sections of the Society;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the intermediaries have been siphoning off the benefits and that only contractors are being employed for the road laying and other types of construction work; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach the real beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Of the programmes referred to in the Question, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme is not being implemented by the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). Guidelines for the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) do not provide for preparation of Annual Action Plan by the DRDAs as these projects are prepared by different line departments often covering more than one district. Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme schemes are mostly implemented by the concerned departments and only in a few cases the DRDAs are the implementing agencies.

As regards National Rural Employment Programme, the Guidelines require that the DRDAs prepare Annual Action Plans on the basis of shelf of projects to be kept by them. The shelf of projects are themselves to be prepared based on the felt needs of the village population. The results of the first round of concurrent evaluation for National Rural Employment Programme show that 91 per cent of the districts do prepare Annual Action Plan, though only in about 67 per cent cases they are prepared before the beginning of the financial year. There is scope for improvement in this regard.

(b) The objective of National Rural Employment Programme/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme is to generate gainful employment for unemployed and under-employed persons in ru-